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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed from the US Patent Office on December 8, 2006, in this case, applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

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